



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Friday, 18th September, 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the images of workers and a vineyard to show us something about the kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity.

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for your generous love. Please help us to grow in generosity and to do your work in the world with a loving and generous heart.

Amen.



The Sunday liturgy is available weekly on the Wednesday Word by following the link on the school website

<https://www.stmaryscps.co.uk/wednesday-word/>

This week and next week in school...

Thank you to everyone who attended today's Open Afternoon. It was wonderful to welcome so many families into school and to share the children's learning and achievements with you. We greatly appreciate your continued support and hope you enjoyed seeing the fantastic work taking place across the school.

Next week, we will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday 25th September at 2.00pm in the school hall. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for coffee, cake and a chat while supporting this very worthwhile cause. We would love to see as many members of our school community there as possible.

On Sunday 27th September, our parish will be celebrating the Harvest Festival. As part of our preparations, we will be collecting donations of food to support our local food bank. If you are able to help, please send any tins, packets or other non-perishable items into school by Thursday 24th September, as we will be taking the donations to church on Friday 25th September. Our pupils will also be helping to decorate the church for this special celebration.

We would be delighted if you could join us at the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 27th September as we come together to celebrate the harvest and give thanks with our school and parish family.



Living and Learning Together - Shining in our Faith



St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Scarisbrick



OPEN AFTERNOON

ALL **NEW** AND **EXISTING** FAMILIES WELCOME

Friday 18th September 2PM



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Class 1 'Shining Stars'

What a fantastic week we have had in Class 1! The children have continued to impress us with their positive attitudes towards their learning.

In Phonics, our Nursery children enjoyed going on a listening walk around school, using their ears carefully to identify and talk about different environmental sounds they could hear. Reception have continued working hard learning new graphemes and are becoming increasingly confident in recognising and using them. Year 1 have spent time reviewing and consolidating their previous phonics learning and are now beginning to build on this knowledge as they move into Phase 5!



In Art, we have been exploring colour and learning how artists can change shades by adding white and black. The children enjoyed experimenting with different colours and were excited to discover how colours can be made lighter and darker.

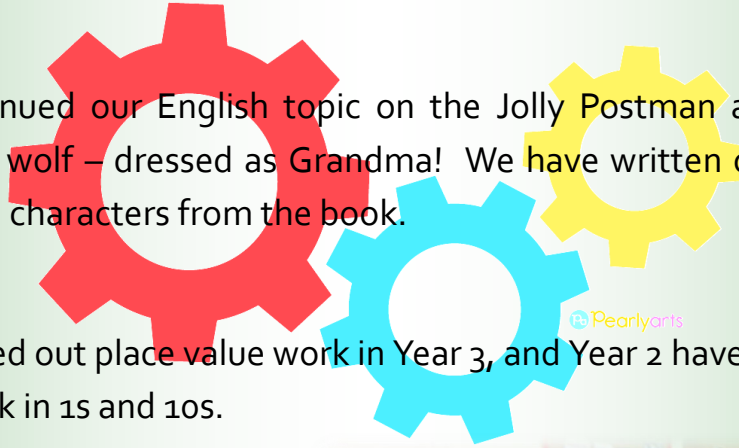
In RE, we have continued learning about the Creation Story and discussing how God created our beautiful world.

Class 1's Bobby Bear will also be going home again today. We can't wait to see who he spends the week with!





Class 2 'Trailblazers'



This week we have continued our English topic on the Jolly Postman and have read a letter to Cinderella and one to the wolf – dressed as Grandma! We have written our own Cinderella stories and described some of the characters from the book.

In Maths we have continued our place value work in Year 3, and Year 2 have moved onto number lines to count forwards and back in 1s and 10s.

We had another great morning doing Boxercise on Monday. It's great fun especially boxing along to music to keep a good rhythm.



On Tuesday we looked at the different habitats for minibeasts followed by starting to create some bug homes to keep these minibeasts safe and warm during the colder winter months. We will be finishing these next week and finding places for them in the Secret Garden.



We had a lovely afternoon on Wednesday learning about the artist Wassily Kandinsky and creating some work in his style.

Thursday was a bit more disgusting learning about the hospitals in the Victorian times. Thank goodness Florence Nightingale was there to save the day!



Class 3 'Bright Sparks'



Another fantastic week in class! Well done to all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm.

In History, we have been learning about how World War II affected children, including evacuation and the use of Morrison and Anderson shelters. The children worked hard and enjoyed taking part in some lively discussions about this important period in history.

In RE, we have been exploring the story of Moses and his covenant with God, thinking about how he was chosen and given a clear mission. The children then created some beautiful artwork to represent the story of the Burning Bush.



Boxercise on Monday morning was another great success with the children. This week, we recapped the skills we had previously learned and practised them with increasing confidence and enthusiasm.



Attendance



Attendance for the week ending 18.09.26			
	No. of pupils	Attendance (%)	Rank
Class 1	14	100%	1
Class 2	19	86.55%	3
Class 3	22	95.45%	2



Weekly Awards



	Special Award - For being understanding & forgiving	Good Work Award
Class 1	Lillian O	James B
Class 2	Elsie M	Tommy G
Class 3	Connie Mc	James S
Headteacher's award	James R	Ella C-Mc
Mathematician of the week	Connie R	
Presentation award	Lyle W	
Attendance Award	Class 1 — 100%	

Important Dates



Friday, 25th September	Friday Fitness begins (8.15 am for Years 3-6)
Friday, 25th September	Macmillan Afternoon Tea (2—3pm)
Tuesday, 29th September	Flu vaccinations (in school)
Thursday, 1st October	Class 1 Reading Café (9am)
Thursday, 8th October	Class 2 Reading Café (9am)
Thursday, 15th October	Class 3 Reading Café (9am)
Friday, 23rd October	Break up for the half term holiday
Monday, 2nd November	INSET day (staff only)
Tuesday, 3rd November	Back to school (8:55am)



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY SOUTH

**Do you have a child starting
primary school in September 2027
and living in Lancashire?**

Closing date: 15 January 2027

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school,
or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

Apply for a school place now by scanning
the QR code or visit [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference,
please check the guidance on our website, or call 01772 532109.

**Have
your say**

*Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with
you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs.
To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces
and click 'school admission policies'.*

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk)



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ST. BEDE'S OPEN EVENING

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for St. Bede's Open Evening and find out what makes our school such a special place.

**DATE:**

Thursday 24th September 2025

**TIME:**

5:30pm – 7:30pm

**LOCATION:**

St. Bede's Catholic High School

*Meet our staff, explore our facilities,
and see how St. Bede's helps every student
to grow in confidence and achieve their best.*



St Mary's Parents, Teachers & Friends Association



Together
we make a
difference

Hello and a warm welcome from
St Mary's Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

We are a small group of volunteers who come together to create exciting events and bring big smiles to our children's faces.

Each year we hold some fantastic events including:



Bingo



Quiz Nights



Summer Fair



Santa Dash

to name
a few ...

The money raised at each event contributes to school trips, classroom equipment and facilities and the continued development of our outdoor area, including recently installed fitness equipment.

To make sure we can continue with our exciting events and activities, we'd really welcome support from our families.

Whether you can help us with creating ideas and planning events, reaching out to businesses or manning a stall at an event, we'd love to hear from you!



Please get in touch and say hello
to some friendly PTFA faces!



Email:
ptfa.stmarys.scarisbrick@gmail.com



Or scan the QR to contact us
via WhatsApp



We look forward to
welcoming you into
our team!



St Mary's Catholic Primary School PTFA



Parent Webinar's for School Aged Children

Our School Nursing Team is pleased to offer a series of free webinars designed to support parents and carers with some of the most common health and wellbeing challenges faced by children and young people. These sessions provide practical advice, evidence-based information, and helpful strategies that can be used at home.

Who Are These Webinars For?

These sessions are open to parents, carers, and families of school-aged children and young people. Whether you are looking for advice, reassurance, or practical strategies, our webinars aim to provide supportive and accessible information to help your child thrive.

All webinars are free to attend and delivered by members of the Lancashire School Nursing Team.

Sleep: Supporting Healthy Sleep Habits

Getting enough quality sleep is essential for children's physical health, emotional wellbeing, learning, and behaviour. This webinar will help parents understand how much sleep children need at different ages, explore common sleep difficulties, and learn practical strategies to improve sleep routines. The session will also cover the impact of technology, anxiety, and lifestyle factors on sleep.

Topics include:

- Why sleep matters
- Age-appropriate sleep needs
- Creating positive bedtime routines
- Managing sleep difficulties
- Supporting children and young people to develop healthy sleep habit

Continence: Supporting Bladder and Bowel Health

Bladder and bowel issues can affect a child's confidence, wellbeing, and participation in everyday activities. This webinar aims to increase understanding of continence and provide practical advice to help families support healthy bladder and bowel habits. Parents will learn about common causes of difficulties and when additional support may be needed.

Topics include:

- Healthy bladder and bowel function
- Common continence concerns
- Toilet routines and hydration
- Managing constipation

- Accessing further support and advice

* If a child has symptoms such as pain when using the toilet, blood in their urine or poo, repeated infections, unexplained weight loss, severe constipation please seek advice from your GP before joining the webinar.

Healthy Lifestyles: Helping Children Thrive

Small healthy choices can make a big difference to a child's overall wellbeing. This webinar explores the key components of a healthy lifestyle and offers simple, practical ideas that families can incorporate into everyday life. The session will focus on building healthy habits that support long-term physical and emotional health.

Topics include:

- Balanced nutrition and healthy eating
- Physical activity recommendations
- Reducing sedentary behaviour
- Healthy screen use
- Encouraging positive lifestyle habits for the whole family

Behaviour and Emotional Health: Understanding and Supporting Your Child

Children and young people experience a wide range of emotions as they grow and develop. This webinar will help parents understand the links between behaviour, emotions, and wellbeing. The session provides practical strategies to support emotional regulation, build resilience, and strengthen communication within the family.

Topics include:

- Understanding behaviour as communication
- Supporting emotional wellbeing
- Building resilience and confidence
- Managing worries and anxieties
- Knowing when and where to seek additional support

Registration Information

All webinars are free to attend but registration is required. To book a place head over to our website <https://lancschildandfamily.co.uk/> please select your chosen webinar and complete the online registration form. Once registered, you will receive joining instructions and a link to access the session before the webinar takes place

Free Monthly Parent

Webinars from the School Nursing Team

We are pleased to offer a series of **free monthly online webinars** for parents and carers commencing October 26, providing practical advice and support on a range of children's health and wellbeing topics:

🌙 **Sleep** – Tips for establishing healthy sleep routines and managing common sleep difficulties.

👤 **Continence** – Information and support to help children develop healthy bladder and bowel habits. * if a child has symptoms such as pain when using the toilet, blood in their urine or poo, repeated infections, unexplained weight loss, severe constipation please seek advice from your GP before joining the webinar.

🥗 **Healthy Lifestyles** – Advice on nutrition, physical activity, screen time, and building healthy habits for the whole family.

💙 **Behaviour and Emotional Health** – Understanding behaviour, supporting emotional wellbeing, and helping children build resilience.

All webinars are delivered online by members of the School Nursing Team and are free to attend. **No referral is required.** Parents and carers can book directly onto any webinar using the registration links available on our website.

To book a place, visit: <https://lancschildandfamily.co.uk/>

Or Scan the QR Code



“Come and See”

The Catholics of

St. Anne's
Ormskirk



and

St. Elizabeth's
Scarisbrick



invite you to find out more about becoming a
Catholic through a **Journey in Faith**

(following the **Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults**, a worldwide rite through which adults
are received into the Catholic Church)

People sometimes say ...

I was baptised
a Catholic but
never brought
up in the
Catholic faith

Some members of
my family are
Catholics, but I
feel awkward
asking them to talk
about their faith

I am married to a
Catholic and
would like to
know more about
what Catholics
believe

I've never thought of
myself as religious
but sometimes
wonder what
Catholicism is all
about

I've often
wondered what
happens in
Church and why
the Mass is so
important

I work in a
Catholic school
and would like to
find out about
Catholicism

My children are
Catholics and I
would like to be
able to support
them better in their
Catholic education

I am looking for
something of
greater depth to
give meaning to
my life

“Come and See”

To begin this journey, do come along to
St. Anne's Pastoral Centre on Prescott Road, Ormskirk,
next to the church, for a meeting on:
Tuesday 22nd September.
Refreshments from 6.45pm,
with the session beginning at 7pm.

There will be time to:

- * hear about the content and timing of sessions
- * ask any questions you might have at this stage
- * meet the team and other potential group members
- * decide if this is what you are seeking.

What is planned after the “Come and See”?

On most Tuesday evenings from **29th September 2026** up to Easter 2027, there will be a series of connected meetings, exploring aspects of the Catholic Faith.

Will I have to speak out in front of others? There will be no pressure on you at all. We shall share, ask questions and discuss, sometimes in small groups.

Do I have to have any qualifications to come? No. Your interest will be far better than any qualification.

Are these sessions for children? No. There are other sacramental programmes for children, including for those who don't go to catholic schools.

How much does it cost? Nothing, except your time.

So what do I do next?

- Come along to St Anne's Pastoral Centre at **6.45pm on Tuesday 22nd September.**
- You are welcome to come by yourself or, if you wish, come along with a friend for this introductory session.
- The session will last about one hour.

Previous participants have said they valued:

“Looking at and discussing the Gospel and then using the different accounts for prayer”.

“Taking time to look around St Anne's church and so understand it's importance in community worship”.

“The significance of the Sacraments”.

“Why Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is important and has been venerated from the time of the early Church”.

“Discussing and hearing how others see things”.

If you have any questions at this early stage or are interested but unable to “Come and See” on **22nd September**, please contact:

Colette
in the Parish Office, St Anne's Priory

23 Prescott Road, Ormskirk L39 4TG

01695 572168

paxorm@rcaol.org.uk

Otherwise, we look forward to meeting you soon.

Have you considered:

- Walking or cycling to school instead?
This is a great way to contribute to a child's 60 minutes of activity a day and is easy to incorporate into your daily routine. Try it once a week at first and see how easy it can be.
- Parking nearby or getting off the bus two stops earlier and walking the rest of the way. If you live too far away to walk or need your car for your commute to work you can still walk part of the way. Adults in England should aim to take part in at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity each week.
- Car sharing is a great way to reduce congestion and save you pennies. Team up with other parents or carers who live nearby- share the cost and halve the hassle.

If you have a parking concern outside of your school report it to parking@lancashire.gov.uk

For more information on this leaflet please email the Road Safety Team at roadsafetyeducation@lancashire.gov.uk



Better Health healthier families

Sign up at nhs.uk/betterhealth

School Parking



School

SCHOOL



lancashire.gov.uk



Lancashire
County Council



A Guide to Parking Safely at Our Schools

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our schools has become a big problem, putting the safety of children and others at risk. We all want to keep our children safe around schools, so here are some top tips on how you can make a difference.

How can you help?

- ✓ Keep your speed down
- ✓ Turn your engine off - do not idle
- ✓ Leave the middle of the road free, with enough room for other road users to easily pass through
- ✓ Make sure your child leaves and enters your vehicle safely onto the pavement
- ✓ Check for pedestrians and cyclists before opening a car door
- ✓ Leave enough room on pavements for pedestrians, pushchairs & wheelchairs to get past
- ✓ Take care when reversing
- ✓ DO NOT PARK ON ZIG ZAG LINES

Please keep restricted areas clear

- ✓ Zig zags and school entrances
- ✓ Dropped kerbs
- ✓ Resident's driveways
- ✓ Opposite or within 10 metres of a junction- so that children can see cars and cars can see children.

Your questions answered

What would happen if I did park in a restricted area?

If you park in a restricted area you are putting children's lives in danger and for this reason school parking is regularly monitored and enforced. If you park in a restricted area you could receive a £70 fine.

Am I okay to stop on zig zag markings if I am only there a few minutes?

No, under no circumstances should you stop on zig zag markings at any time, these are there to protect school entrances and leave a clear view of the street for pedestrians.

Please park considerably around our schools and keep our children safe!

Don't forget...

Congestion around schools is one of the main reasons given for dangerous parking and there are other ways you could do the school run...



Never park on zig zags or block school entrances

